

Notice of Allowability

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 08/02/2007.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-9, 11-22 and 24-36.
3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
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6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☒ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date 20071011.
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☐ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____


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DETAILED ACTION

This office action is responsive to amendment filed on 08/02/2007.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Luminita A. Todor on 10/05/2007.

The application has been amended as follows:

In claim 1, please delete " thereby " (line 2).

In claim 1, delete " being adapted to provide " (line 4), and insert --- provides ---.

In claim 1, insert after client machines --- said client sequentially updates the point value as time passes by when utilizing the tentative service provided by said tentative service providing section; said regular service utilization procedure accepting section accepts a procedure for utilizing the regular service that is made by the client machine provided with the tentative service by said tentative service providing section and also accepts the point value updated by said client machine at a moment when said procedure was accepted; and said regular service providing section provides the service corresponding to the point value accepted by said regular service utilization

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procedure accepting section to the client machine whose procedure was accepted by said regular service utilization procedure accepting section ---.

In claim 5, please delete " is adapted to receive and display " (line 2), and insert --- receives and displays ---.

In claim 7, delete " is adapted to provide " (lines 15 and 27), and insert --- provides ---.

In claim 7, delete " is adapted to accept " (line 23), and insert accepts ---. Also, delete " accept " (line 25), and insert --- accepts ---.

In claims 8 and 9, delete " is adapted to continuously provide " (line 2), and insert --- continuously provides ---.

In claim 11, delete "is adapted to provide " (line 5), and insert --- provides ---.

In claim 13, delete "is adapted to sequentially decrease " (line 2), and insert --- sequentially decreases ---.

In claim 14, delete "being adapted to provide " (line 6), and insert --- provides ---.

In claim 14, insert after client machines --- said client sequentially updates the point value as time passes by when utilizing the tentative service provided by said tentative service providing section; said regular service utilization procedure accepting section accepts a procedure for utilizing the regular service that is made by the client machine provided with the tentative service by said tentative service providing section and also accepts the point value updated by said client machine at a moment when said procedure was accepted; and said regular service providing section provides the service corresponding to the point value accepted by said regular service utilization

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procedure accepting section to the client machine whose procedure was accepted by said regular service utilization procedure accepting section ---.

In claims 15 and 16, delete " is adapted to display " (line 2), and insert --- displays ---.

In claim 18, please delete " is adapted to receive and display " (line 2), and insert --- receives and displays ---.

In claim 20, delete "being adapted to provide " (line 5), and insert --- provides ---.

In claim 20, delete " is adapted to sequentially update " (line 23), and insert --- sequentially updates ---.

In claim 20, delete "is adapted to accept " (line 24), and insert accepts ---. Also, delete " accept " (line 26), and insert --- accepts ---.

In claim 20, delete " is adapted to provide " (line 28), and insert --- provides ---.

In claim 22, delete " is adapted to continuously provide " (line 2), and insert --- continuously provides ---.

In claim 24, delete " is adapted to provide " (line 5), and insert --- provides ---.

In claim 26, delete "is adapted to sequentially decrease " (line 2), and insert --- sequentially decreases ---.

In claim 32, delete "being adapted to provide " (line 5), and insert --- provides ---.

In claim 32, delete " is adapted to sequentially update " (line 30), and insert --- sequentially updates ---.

In claim 32, delete "is adapted to accept " (line 33), and insert accepts ---. Also, delete " accept " (line 35), and insert --- accepts ---.

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In claim 32, delete " is adapted to provide " (line 37), and insert --- provides ---.

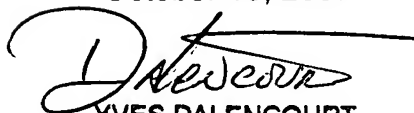
Contact Information

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Yves Dalencourt whose telephone number is (571) 272-3998. The examiner can normally be reached on M-TH 7:30AM - 6:00PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Ario Etienne can be reached on (571) 272 4001. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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